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PROJECT TITLE  
 STOWE LANE PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** County Clerk  
County of San Mateo  
555 County Center  
Redwood City CA 94063

**From:** West Bay Sanitary District  
500 Laurel Street  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Project Title:** Stowe Lane Pump Station Replacement Project

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**Project Location – Specific:** Stowe Lane

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**Project Location – City:** Menlo Park

MARK CHURCH, County Clerk

**Project Location – County:** San Mateo

By **NILES LOPSHIRE**

**Description of Project:** Replace the sanitary sewer pumping station (known as Stowe Lane Pump Station). The Stowe Lane Pump Station Replacement Project includes removal of the existing pump station above grade structure and abandonment of place of existing below grade structure, construction of a new and more efficient wet well and valve pit layouts, re-routing of gravity lines to the wet well, new pumps and switchgear controls, incorporation of multi-smart panel, and replacement of the pump station generator set. Safety features addressed as part of the project include improved lighting, fall protection access hatches, 8-foot-high perimeter fencing, passive wet well ventilation, and provision for security cameras at Stowe Lane in Menlo Park.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** West Bay Sanitary District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** West Bay Sanitary District

## **Exempt Status:**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15601(b)(3), General Rule;  
Categorical Exemption: Class 1 – Section 15301(b), Existing Facilities, and Class 2 – Section 15302(c), Replacement or Reconstruction.

## **Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project is exempt from CEQA because it can be “seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant impact on the environment.” This certainty is based on past experience with numerous sewer construction and rehabilitation projects of this nature, and the mitigated measures included in all such projects to alleviate any impacts.

Most project elements also are exempt as minor alteration and repair of existing public facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously exist.

**Lead Agency: West Bay Sanitary District**

**Lead Agency Contact Person: Sergio Ramirez**

(650) 321-0384

  
Signature

Date: 8/14/2024

Title: General Manager

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## "PRELIMINARY REVIEW"

### STOWE LANE PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT SAN MATEO COUNTY

August 6, 2024

**INTRODUCTION.** At the August 14, 2024 District Board Meeting, the Board will consider approving the bidding of this Project and authorization for the filing of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Notice of Exemption" for the project. The District proposes this project.

**EXEMPTION REVIEW.** In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, this "preliminary review" of the Stowe Lane Pump Station Replacement Project at Stowe Lane was conducted to determine whether the project is exempt from CEQA. Based on this review, staff has concluded that the project is exempt from CEQA under several sections of the guidelines. In summary, the project would not have any significant impacts on the environment because it includes little or no expansion of capacity and will employ mitigation measures to alleviate any impacts.

This preliminary review presents and elaborates upon the rationale for the conclusions reached by staff.

Staff has concluded that all project elements are exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (known as the "General Rule"), since it can be "seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment."

This certainty is based on past experience with numerous sewer construction projects of this nature, and the mitigation measures included in all such projects to alleviate any impacts.

**Past Experience:** The District has completed the construction of many miles of sewer pipeline and pump station construction projects throughout San Mateo County. While construction-related impacts on land use, traffic, noise, air quality, erosion, drainage, public safety, and cultural resources can occur, no significant environmental impacts have resulted from this work.

The reasons these have been "less-than-significant" include the short-term nature of construction activities, application of the District's standard construction mitigation measures, good community relations outreach programs to inform project area residents of construction activities, and active coordination with local jurisdictions.

**Construction Mitigation Measures.** Specific impact mitigation measures will be included in the proposed project to avoid, minimize, reduce, or rectify construction-related impacts. These measures are used on all sewer construction projects and will be required in the project plans and specifications. The measures address dust control; erosion control; noise control; protection of soils; provision for adequate drainage; protection and restoration of structures; public health and safety precautions; community notifications; traffic control; and preservation of cultural resources.

Staff has concluded that most project elements are "categorically exempt" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (existing facilities); or Section 15302(c) (replacement or reconstruction). These exemptions require repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities.

The pump station has reached its expected life and is in need of replacement. This project is being implemented to replace the sanitary sewer pumping station (known as Stowe Lane Pump Station). The Stowe Lane Pump Station Dry/Wet Well Replacement and Discharge Piping Replacement Project includes removal of the existing pump station above grade structure and abandonment of place of existing below grade structure, construction of a new and more efficient wet well and valve pit layouts, re-routing of gravity lines to the wet well, new pumps and switchgear controls, incorporation of multi-smart panel, and replacement of the pump station generator set. Safety features addressed as part of the project include improved lighting, fall protection access hatches, 8-foot-high perimeter fencing, passive wet well ventilation, and provision for security cameras located at Stowe Lane in Menlo Park. The project shall reduce operations and maintenance costs, energy consumption, and risk of pump failure.

**CONCLUSION.** Based on the information presented herein, staff has concluded that the subject project is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the General Rule), and that most project elements are also exempt under CEQA Guideline Section 15301(b), (existing facilities) or Section 15302(c), (replacement or reconstruction).

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